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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN  
SUBJECT: BILATERAL MEETING WITH SWEDEN

1. US MTN DEL (BALE, DRAZEK) MET WITH SWEDISH DELEGATION HEADED BY LEMMEL TO DISCUSS US AGRICULTURAL REQUESTS, POSSIBLE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IN AIRCRAFT, AND A LIST OF POSSIBLE SWEDISH WITHDRAWALS ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS.
2. AGRICULTURE--THE SWEDISH DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A NUMBER OF US REQUESTS ON PRODUCTS COVERED BY GROUP AGRICULTURE PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, THEY INDICATED THE GREAT DIFFICULTY THEY WOULD HAVE IN MEETING (1) ANY REQUEST DEALING WITH THE VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM IN SWEDEN AND (2) THE US REQUEST ON SHRIMP.

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3. AIRCRAFT SECTOR--SWEDISH DEL NOTED US AND EC INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT ON AIRCRAFT AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND INDICATED THAT NO NEGATIVE REACTION HAS ARISEN TO PROPOSAL IN STOCKHOLM. HOWEVER, SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY DISCUSSED. THEY REQUESTED THAT THEY BE KEPT ABREAST OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND EC ON THIS ISSUE. THEY ALSO REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION

ON WHAT A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD ENCOMPASS.

4. POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS--SWEDISH DEL NOTED GREAT PRESSURE IN STOCKHOLM TO TABLE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS IN LIGHT OF DOMESTIC SENSITIVITY IN SWEDEN IN TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR AREA AND IMPACT OF OTHER COUNTRIES' EXCEPTIONS IN CREATING DISPARITIES BETWEEN SWEDISH TARIFFS AND US/EC/ JAPANESE TARIFFS. SWEDISH DEL GAVE US DEL COPY OF "INDICATIVE LIST OF POSITIVE WITHDRAWALS" WHICH IT SAID IT WOULD CIRCULATE INFORMALLY TO OTHER DELEGATIONS. LIST BEING HAND CARRIED BY NEXT TRAVELER TO WASHINGTON. SWEDISH DEL NOTED THAT IF SWEDISH OFFER WERE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS, THE OVERALL DEPTH OF CUT WOULD BE 37 PERCENT. THEY NOTED THAT POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS COVERED LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF DUTIABLE INDUSTRIAL IMPORTS.

5. TIMING--SWEDISH DEL INDICATED THAT IT WOULD DO UTMOST TO ACCELERATE DECISION PROCESS IN STOCKHOLM AND BRATTSTROM IS EXPECTED TO BE IN GENEVA IN EARLY JULY. SWEDEN IS PREPARED TO MAKE DEEPER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS OF INTEREST TO THE US. HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO RESPOND IN LIGHT OF ABSENCE AT THIS TIME OF SPECIFIC US REQUESTS. BECAUSE OF CONTINUING STUDY OF THE SWEDISH HORTICULTURAL SECTOR BY A ROYAL COMMISSION, TIMING OF RESPONSE TO US VEGETABLE REQUESTS REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: US DEL WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING LIKELY ARRIVAL DATE OF US REQUESTS TO SWEDEN AND OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFERS.

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